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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR PIB CORRESPONDENTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any welfare schemes for the correspondents/media persons associated with/on deputation from the Press Information Bureau (PIB);

(b) if so, the details of the benefits accruing to such correspondents therefrom;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to provide the benefit of health insurance and pension to such correspondents in other press bureaus;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) & (b):Yes, Sir. The Government has launched welfare schemes for media persons accredited by the Press Information Bureau (PIB). The main provisions of such welfare schemes are: -

Medical treatment facilities upto dispensary level and nursing homes at Government hospitals through the Central Government Health Services {CGHS}.

Assistance under Journalists Welfare Fund to provide one time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis to journalists and their families on account of death, permanent disability, major ailments and also in case of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating hospitalization.

Allotment of Government accommodation under Press Pool.

Concession on rail fares, given by the Indian Railways.

Custom duty concession in import of professional equipments.

(c) to (e): There is no such proposal under consideration